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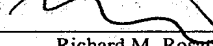
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

10. (New) A sealing arrangement for forming a seal around a machine element, comprising:

a sealing ring including a sealing lip, the sealing lip including at least one recess on a side of the sealing lip facing radially away from the machine element.

11. (New) The sealing arrangement according to claim 10, wherein the at least one recess includes a tube-like channel.